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EO 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: GOM ON PROPOSED ARAB SUMMIT

1. AFTER AN UNUSUALLY LONG PUBLIC SILENCE, GOM HAS PRONOUNCED ITSELF ON THE PROPOSED ME SUMMIT. FONMIN BOUCETTA, SPEAKING TO THE PRESS BEFORE HIS MARCH 26 DEPARTURE FOR CAIRO TO ATTEND THE ARABA LEAGUE FONMINS MEETING, REFERRED TO JORDANIAN AND N. YEMENI CALLS FOR SUMMIT AND TO THE RECENT VISIT OF JORDANIAN MIN STATE FOR FONAFF HASSAN IBRAHIM. BOUCETTA SAID KING HAD INFORMED BOTH THE JORDANIAN EMISSARY AND THE SECGEN OF THE ARAB LEAGUE THAT MOROCCO "AGREED IN PRINCIPLE" TO ATTEND AN ARAB SUMMIT "IF IT WOULD RESULT IN A RESTRENGTHENING OF ARAB RANKS." BOUCETTA ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT A MOROCCAN MISSION TO LEBANON WOULD LEAVE THE SAME DAY TO "EVALUATE THE VOLUME OF MOROCCAN AID TO THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE AND TO THE LEBANESE
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GOVERNMENT."

2. IT IS UNCLEAR WHY MOROCCO DELAYED SO LONG IN RESPONDING TO THE SUMMIT CALLS, AND WHY ITS RESPONSE IS SO EQUIVOCAL. THIS MAY BE DUE TO GUNSHYNESS AFTER ITS FORWARD POSITION ON THE SADAT INITIATIVE, AND RELUCTANCE TO PROVOKE FURTHER THE PLO AND REJECTIONISTS (READ SYRIA).

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3. ON THE GOM MISSION TO LEBANON, MOROCCO HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINIAN REFUGEES UPROOTED BY THE RECENT ISRAELI INCURSION. WHILE A MOROCCAN TROOP CONTINGENT TO ADF (BEIRUT 1593 NOTAL) CANNOT BE ENTIRELY RULED OUT, WE BELIEVE SUCH A MOVE MOST UNLIKELY UNLESS HASSAN SEES SOME PARTICULAR MILEAGE HE CAN GAIN WITH PLO TO COMPENSATE FOR COMMITTING HIS TROOPS TO A SYRIAN DOMINATED ADF. WE WOULD POINT OUT THAT MOROCCO HAS DECLINED IN THE PAST, BECAUSE OF CONTINUIN PROBLEMS IN THE SAHARA. MISSION TO LEBANON SEEMS MORE LIKELY AN EFFORT TO KEEP GOM'S CHANNELS OPEN TO THE PALESTINIANS AND TO KEEP ITS DISTANT HAND IN MIDDLE EASTERN EVENTS.
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